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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LAW PROFESSOR

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- 1. PROFESSOR CHARLES MEYERS OF STANFORD LAW SCHOOL MET WITH THEN CHARGE THOMPSON DECEMBER 2. MEYERS REQUESTED EMBASSY SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR BENAVIDES OR HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL IN GOC, AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING GOC PERMISSION FOR HIM TO VISIT FERNANDO FLORES, CURRENTLY DETAINED IN TRES ALAMOS CENTER. CHARGE AGREED TO DO LATTER AND TO CONSIDER MATTER OF SEEKING APPOINTMENTS.
- 2. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED MEYERS THAT GOC AUTHORITIES HAD REPORTED THAT ONLY FAMILY ALLOWED TO VISIT FLORES. EMBASSY EXPLAINED WE NOT SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF HIS IMMINENT DEPARTURE ON PROVINCIAL TOUR. EMBASSY OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR MONTERO AND SUGGESTED MEYERS SEEK MONTERO'S PERMISSION TO VISIT FLORES.
- 3. DURING VISIT DECEMBER 1-6, EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT MEYERS ALSO SAW MRS. FLORES, PEACE COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CRISTIAN PRECHT, CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF CHILEAN LEGAL COMMUNITY AND POSSIBLY MINISTER OF JUSTICE.
- 4. COMMENT: MEYERS TELEPHONED CHARGE AFTER DEC. 5 MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH MONTERO TO REPORT IT HAD BEEN A VERY CORDIAL AND

SUCCESSFUL MEETING. HE WAS THEN ON HIS WAY TO VISIT FLORES
AS AUTHORIZED BY MONTERO. MEYERS EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT
WITHIN A FEW MONTHS GOC WOULD RELEASE FLORES FOR TRAVEL
TO US. MEYERS WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.
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